

Academic Calendar for Fall Term 2008

Monday, August 18 — Thursday, September 11	Registration period for graduate and undergraduate students.
Sunday, August 24	Residence halls open for new undergraduate students.
Monday, August 25	Residence halls open for returning students.
Thursday, August 28	First day of instruction.
Monday, September 1	Labor Day: No university exercises, staff holiday.
Thursday, September 11	Last day to add classes. All work for spring term 2008 undergraduate incompletes due to instructors.
Thursday, September 18	Last day for undergraduates to elect a pass/fail option for the current term and to request a P grade for the preceding term. Grades replacing spring 2008 undergraduate incompletes due in the University Registrar's Office.
Monday, September 29	Brandeis Tuesday: Tuesday class schedule in effect.
Tuesday, September 30 – Wednesday, October 1	Rosh Hashanah: No university exercises.
Monday, October 6	Last day to drop Module I courses (instructor's and chair's permission required).
Thursday, October 9 – Friday, October 10	Yom Kippur: No University exercises.
Monday, October 13	Columbus Day: Classes in session, staff holiday.
Tuesday, October 14	Sukkot: No university exercises.
Thursday, October 16	Last day for undergraduates to drop courses without a "W" transcript notation (instructor's permission required).
Friday, October 17	Undergraduate midterm grades due.
Tuesday, October 21	Shimini Atzeret: No university exercises.
Monday, October 27 – Wednesday, November 5	Registration period for spring term 2009.
Friday, October 31	Last day to add Module II classes.
Friday, November 14	Last day for undergraduates to drop courses with a "W" transcript notation (instructor's permission required). Last day for graduate students to drop courses or change grading option of classes to audit (instructor's and chair's permission required).
Thursday, November 27 – Friday, November 28	Thanksgiving holiday: No university exercises, staff holiday.
Tuesday, December 9	Last day of instruction. Last day to voluntarily withdraw from the term (written notification required).
Wednesday, December 10	Study day
Thursday, December 11 – Thursday, December 18	Final examination period.
Friday, December 19 at 12 noon	Residence halls close.
Tuesday, December 23	Fall term grades due.

- Note: Make-up examinations for spring term 2008 will be held September 3, 4, and 8, 2008.

Policy of Brandeis University Pertaining to Religious Observance

In constructing the academic calendar, religious holy days will not be the sole factor in determining days on which classes will be held or suspended. It is the policy of the University, however, that students be encouraged to observe their appropriate religious holy days; that instructors strive to facilitate this by allowing absence from classes for such purposes and by trying to insure that no examinations, written reports, oral reports, or other mandatory class assignments are scheduled for or due on such holy days; and that instructors provide ample opportunities for such students to make up work missed on such occasions without penalty. Jewish holidays begin at sundown of the previous evening and end at nightfall of the day listed.

Academic Calendar for Spring Term 2009

Monday, January 12 – Tuesday, January 27	Registration period for graduate and undergraduate students.
Friday, January 9	New students arrive on campus; residence halls open for new students only.
Sunday, January 11	Residence halls open for returning students.
Tuesday, January 13	First day of instruction.
Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King Day: No university exercises, staff holiday.
Tuesday, January 20	Brandeis Monday: Monday class schedule in effect.
Tuesday, January 27	Last day to add classes. All work for fall term 2008 undergraduate incompletes due to instructors.
Tuesday, February 3	Last day for undergraduates to elect a pass/fail option for the current term and to request a P grade for the preceding term. Grades replacing fall 2008 undergraduate incompletes due.
Monday, February 16 – Friday, February 20	Midterm Recess: No university exercises.
Tuesday, February 24	Last day to drop Module I courses (instructor's and chair's permission required).
Tuesday, March 3	Last day for undergraduates to drop courses without a "W" transcript notation (instructor's permission required).
Friday, March 6	Undergraduate midterm grades due.
Friday, March 20	Last day to add Module II courses.
Monday, March 30 – Tuesday, April 7	Registration period for fall term 2009.
Tuesday, March 31	Last day for undergraduates to drop courses with a "W" transcript notation (instructor's permission required). Last day for graduate students to drop courses or change grading basis to audit (instructor's and chair's permission required).
Thursday, April 9 – Thursday, April 16	Passover and spring recess: No university exercises.
Monday, April 20	Patriots Day: Classes in session, staff holiday
Wednesday, April 22	Brandeis Thursday: Thursday class schedule in effect.
Wednesday, April 29	Last day of instruction. Last day to voluntarily withdraw from the term (written notification required).
Thursday, April 30	Study day.
Friday, May 1 – Friday, May 8	Final examination period.
Monday, May 4	Senior grades for all courses without final exams due by 10:00 a.m. Senior grades for all courses with final exams due by 10:00 a.m. on the third day after the examination, and in no case later than Sunday, May 10, at 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 6	Grades for all graduate degree candidates due.
Saturday, May 9	Residence halls close for undergraduates.
Monday, May 11	Last day for graduating seniors to convert current term pass/fail enrollments to a "P."
Tuesday, May 12	Department degree meetings.
Thursday, May 14	Faculty meeting.
Sunday, May 17	Commencement.
Monday, May 18	Residence halls close for all students.
Tuesday, May 19	All other spring term grades due.
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day: Staff holiday.

- Note: Make-up examinations for fall term 2008 will be held January 14, 15, and 20, 2009.

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Additional Key Dates for Graduate Students for Academic Year 2008-2009

Monday, October 6, 2008	February Ph.D. candidates should submit penultimate copies of dissertations to program chairs.
Friday, October 31, 2008	Last day for February graduate degree candidates (certificates, final and continuing master's and Ph.D.) to file Application for Degree. See application for details.
Monday, December 1, 2008	Grades replacing spring 2008 graduate incompletes due in the University Registrar's Office.
Thursday, December 18, 2008	Final day for faculty certification that all February master's candidates have completed degree requirements, including language(s) and theses, and all PhD candidates have defended dissertations.
Thursday, January 15, 2009	Final day for February graduate doctoral degree candidates to deposit their dissertations at their graduate school office.
Monday, March 2, 2009	Last day for May graduate degree candidates (certificates, final and continuing master's and PhD) to file Application for Degree. See application for details. May PhD candidates should submit penultimate copies of dissertations to program chairs.
Wednesday, April 8, 2009	Final day for faculty certifications that May PhD candidates have defended dissertations. Grades replacing graduate incompletes from fall term 2008 due.
Wednesday, May 6, 2009	Final day for May PhD candidates to deposit dissertations at their graduate school office. Final day for faculty certification that all May master's candidates have completed degree requirements, including language(s) and theses.
Monday, June 1, 2009	Last day for August graduate degree candidates (certificates, final and continuing Master's and PhD) to file Application for Degree. See application for details. August PhD candidates should submit penultimate copies of dissertations to program chairs.
Friday, July 31, 2009	Final day for faculty certifications that August PhD candidates have defended dissertations.
Friday, August 14, 2009	Final day for August PhD candidates to deposit dissertations at their graduate school office. Final day for faculty certification that all August master's candidates have completed degree requirements, including language(s) and theses.